



Arnhem **Rhine Bridge** (John Frost Bridge) made immortal in the book and the movie **A Bridge Too Far**. In Arnhem, only one battalion of parachute troops under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel John Frost managed to reach the bridge, but it proved impossible to take it. Read more on Arnhem on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 6 November	<u>"Prinsen Bal"</u>	
	Cost:	\$12.00
	Doors open:	11.00 am
	Entertainment starts:	1.00 pm
	Music:	Gerry van Sambeeck
Thursday 10 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 13 November	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost:	\$ 7.00
Saturday 19 November	<u>"Private Member's Party"</u>	
Sunday 20 November	<u>"Private Member's Party"</u>	
Thursday 24 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 25 November	<u>"End of the Month Drinks"</u>	5.30pm—7.30pm
Sunday 27 November	<u>"St Nicholas Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Adults	\$16.00
	Children	\$ 8.00
Sunday 4 December	<u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u>	1.00pm noon
	Doors open	
	Cost: Children	\$ 9.00
	Adults	\$ 9.00
	Entertainment by:	Mr Magic Man
	Note: Presents for the children are not included in the admittance price.	
Thursday 8 December	<u>"DJVV Club Christmas Lunch"</u>	<i>Shop open</i>
	Members only	
Saturday 10 December	<u>"DACWA Christmas Lunch"</u>	
	By invitation only	
Wednesday 14 December	<u>"Wednesday Card Club Break-up Lunch"</u>	
	Members only	
Sunday 18 December	<u>"Christmas Carols"</u>	1.00 pm
	Doors open:	11.30 am
	Cost:	\$10.00
Monday 2 January '12	<u>"New Year's Celebration"</u>	11.30 am
	Doors open	10.30 am
	Cost:	\$12.00

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeflang on: 9364 6703 or Lianna Parker on: 0419 181 154
Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:
Use of Hall \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Messages from your President

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that in seven weeks it will be Christmas. Every year a lot of people look forward to Christmas but once it is here, we will all be glad it is all over.

More or less the same applies for the Neerlandia silly season, with lots of members functions, private parties and break-up events by the various clubs and organisations to be organized and catered for.

Annual General Meeting:

In September we held our AGM and some members were somewhat disappointed that Neerlandia made a loss of about \$5,500, some of that loss can be explained by Neerlandia adopting modern accounting practices, whereby the trading goods in stock at the end of the financial year are valued at purchase price, which did not happen in previous years.

But personally speaking, we needed that loss to wake up the membership to the fact that, although your Committee is working harder than ever, it is our aging membership that is staying home more often and consequently spending less money at the club. The end result of all that is that income from the bar, kitchen and shop are in a downward spiral.

Figures just to hand show that the council rates and water rates have also increased by some \$3000.00 this new financial year.

What are the answers? Increase the prices, find more members or a combination of both?

Neerlandia's Future:

Everyone realizes that Neerlandia's future will be in the hands of the more recently arrived Dutch Migrants families and Expats and last year our Committee invested a large amount of funds to provide the type of facilities that they will appreciate and I must say that our upgraded lounge looks fantastic and we have not quite finished with it yet.

In my annual report I expressed my disappointment that the results of attracting those above mentioned families was not as good as we had expected.

I am good at making statements, which I then have to retract as events unfold.

In this case I am very pleased to say that I have to eat my own words as the following will show.

For our September End of the Month Drinks we left no stone unturned to advertise the event to our target group by using every available electronic methods such as e-mails, face book and twitter and the end result was that 78 people turned up (see page 9) and we made quite a few members.

Our secretary Lianna also stated at the AGM that having a computer and enthusiasm does not make you an



electronic media expert and that is where our newest Committee Member Marieke van de Berg came to the rescue. Not only has she taken on our membership Database, but she is excellent with computers and knows all about the electronic media and assisted Lianna with contacting the wider Dutch Community.

We were all over the moon that all the hard work and ideas were finally showing some worthwhile rewards.

We also got lot of feedback and ideas for events and meetings for the younger families and promises of assistance that has been lacking until now.

Those Committee members that were present on that Friday all of a sudden walked around with a spring in their step.

I can sense that some of the older members of various sub-groups are raising an eyebrow with the question: Are our days and events safe?

Well, let me assure you that all the days on which the sub-groups are holding their events and meetings are sacred and they will not come into jeopardy. There are many days and evenings during the week that our clubhouse is not being used and those are the ones that will be targeted.

Past Event:

The Toppers Concert on Sunday the 9th of October was 3 hours of great entertainment, but where were our members? Only a handful turned up. The Toppers may not be household names for our older members, but it was definitely not a rock concert either. It was a pleasure to see over 90,000 Dutch people, mostly dressed in silver and white, singing, clapping and dancing to popular Dutch and English tunes known to all of us.

Those that stayed away missed quality entertainment.

Are you Interested?

Printing and mailing the magazine is a very costly business. But we now have the facility to reduce this amount whereby members can receive the Neerlandia magazine **in full colour by E-mail instead of a hard copy by mail.**

Are you interested, then please contact the president or secretary, give them all your details and we will do the rest. Your decision will save Neerlandia money.

Small Price increase:

We have decided to increase our Kitchen Prices by 50 cents, effective immediately and we are looking at some of our bar prices in order to offset rising purchase costs.

Pieter Leeftang,
your president.

GET WELL SOON



To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



Laughter is still the best medicine



Puns for those with a slightly higher IQ:

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.
A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)
Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.
Every calendar's days are numbered.
A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.
A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
Acupuncture is a jab well done.

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Puns for those with a slightly lower IQ:

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this

morning, can you believe that 2:30am?!

Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Two friends are fishing near a bridge. Suddenly a Hearse and two Funeral Cars go over the bridge so one of the men stands up, takes off his cap and bows his head. When the cars have gone he puts his cap back on, sits back down and carries on fishing.

His mate turns to him and says: "Dave, that's one of the nicest most respectful things I've ever seen."

Dave replies: "Well, we were married for nearly 20 years."

Paddy says: "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador."

"I would not," says Mick,

"Have you seen how many of their owners go blind."

A man calls 999 and says: "I think my wife is dead."

The operator says: "How do you know?"

He says. "Well, the love making is the same but the ironing is building up!"

A man walks into a Welsh pub and orders a strawberry Daiquiri. The bar goes silent as everyone stares at him.

"Where are you from? You sound English."

"I'm from across the Severn," replies the man nervously.

"What do you do, just across the Severn?"

"I'm a taxidermist."

"What on earth is one of those?"

"I mount animals."

"Its alright boys," shouts the barman, he's one of us.

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

Went for my routine check-up today and everything seemed to be going fine until he stuck his index finger up my backside! Do you think I should change dentists?

A wife says to her husband you're always pushing me around and talking behind my back. He says: What do you expect? You're in a wheel chair."

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature. She said I would like to come back as a cow. I said your obviously not listening.

Doctors have just identified a food that can cause grief and suffering years after it's been eaten. It's called a wedding cake.

I was in the pub with my wife last night and I said I love you. She said is that you or the beer talking? I replied "It's me talking to the beer."

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De laatste Sunday
Klaverjas Drive van
2011 wordt
gehouden op
Zondag 13
November.*



Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het
Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen
voor de winkel.

Lunch & Koffie
zijn bij de
toegangsprijs
inbegrepen.

Aanvang 11.00



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POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$30.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$30.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—1.00 pm



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The last End of month Drinks for 2011 will be held on
Friday 25 November.**

**The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with
old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot or
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open.

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

CAN YOU HELP?

We may have found a graphic designer, but we are still looking for anyone who has the artistic ability to make a wall drawing.

We are redecorating the patio and we need people to help us make drawings on the wall and to colour those drawings in. We are having discussions with someone, who may be willing and able to assist us. Can you help too?

Please contact Marieke on:

mariekevandenbergh@westnet.com.au

or me on: 0419 181 154 to discuss details.

WE NEED:

Please don't forget that we are still looking for:

Furniture for little people.

We would be very happy with children's furniture to modify the patio. We are working hard on having that area changed into a happy place for little people while their parents have a drink in the lounge.

Please contact Marieke on:

mariekevandenbergh@westnet.com.au

or me on: 0419 181 154 to arrange pick up or drop off.

SPOT LIGHT ON:

Thank you to Harry Crijns for looking after the Shop while Alex was away. The shop is such a part of our Club that no-one can imagine the shop not being open.

However, when Alex is away, who does the driving around to buy the supplies for the shop?

No one noticed any hiccups during Alex' well deserved holidays as Harry smoothly ran the show.

Neerlandia was given three beautiful Delft Blue tiles with Friesian sayings. Thank you very much Mrs Alie Poepjes – we will find a special spot for your thoughtful gift.

Katleen Numijer donated a handmade doll to Neerlandia. At the moment we are considering a safe place for everyone to enjoy this doll in traditional Dutch Clothing.

THESE PEOPLE ADOPTED A TOP:

Mrs Aagje Boekelaar & Wim Deugd adopted a table top for \$50 each. The Committee is most appreciative of this gesture. Not only does it give the Club more financial leeway, it also creates a sense of community within the club.

A few tops are still available; please contact Pieter Leeftang or myself if you want to get involved.

Please contact me on: 0419 181 154 or by email on

lianna_parker@bigpond.com

End of Month Drinks – September 2011.

80 broodjes kroket and frikandel, 100 bitterballen, 5 kgs hot chips and an overflow of visitors from the lounge into the hall where lots of children enjoyed the space and the sjoelbak and the colouring-in – End of Month Drinks September 2011!

Marieke van de Berg and I have put in a lot of effort to make communications with the newer migrants more electronic and more adjusted to their lifestyle. This has

lead to Neerlandia now having its own Face Book page “Neerlandia Dutch Club WA” – please have a look and “like” us. We are also using that page to inform the Dutch Community about the activities planned within the Club.

September End of Month Drinks was a reward for all of us who are working so hard to bring new blood to the Club, as we signed up 7 new members.

Although one swallow doesn't make a summer, we are encouraged by this big turnout and the positive feedback during the days that followed. The Committee decided to take the bull by the horn and bought 2 dry bars and 8 bar stools to create a more “gezellige” space in the lounge during our End of Month Drinks and future popular events.

In the patio, which we have christened “Children's Paradise”, you will also notice two television sets, a DVD player and PlayStation 2 to keep the younger guests occupied.

I already mentioned the new members, whom we signed up on that particular night. This made us realise that it is almost that time of year when you will be requested to renew your membership. For all our existing members it is a very straightforward procedure: bring your filled in membership form to the club and pay a designated person your subs for 2012. And please make sure that your form is filled in correctly: it is impossible for those who accept your payments to know who you are and where you live.

We are currently appointing representatives to collect your money on the days that you visit the club. And to make sure that everybody pays on time, we will have a competition and draw a name out of all the members who have paid before 1 March 2012. The winner will receive a cheque to the value of his or her Neerlandia membership for 2012. We encourage everyone to be in the draw by paying your subscription before 1 March 2012. And if you are unable to get to the Club, you can send your filled in membership form with cheque or with Credit Card details to the address that you will find on the form.

Forms are available now on request or printed in the December issue of the Neerlandia Magazine.

The Committee meanwhile is working hard on planning a new year full of interesting and attractive functions for both the old- and for the new members. We have the ideas and we have the space – all we need is your support and your cooperation as we need to run the show together.

Suggestions and assistance for functions can be submitted to Marieke at:

mariekevandenbergh@westnet.com.au

or to myself at: 0419 181 154 or email:

lianna_parker@bigpond.com. (lianna_parker).

We are always looking forward to your input!

Lianna Parker,
Secretary

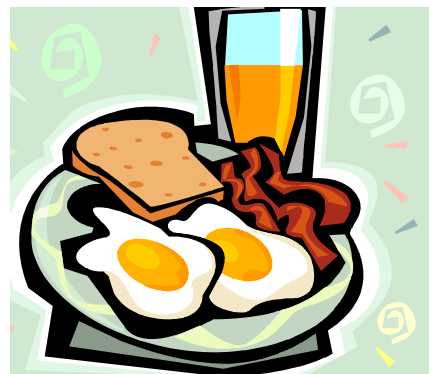


St. Nicholas Brunch

On Sunday
the 27th of November at 10.00 am

Come and join us at Neerlandia for this hearty "Brunch". Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all kind of Dutch Breakfast Goodies with unlimited Coffee or Tea and Orange Juice.

St Nicholas and his Zwarte Pieten should surprise us with a visit and should have a small present for anyone attending.



Would you like to meet Saint Nicholas but you do not like the busy atmosphere at the Children's Saint Nicholas party?

Then come to this Brunch.

This is good value!

Adults: \$16.00

Children: \$ 8.00

For catering purposes, payment is necessary when you make your booking.

Contact Ans van Alphen on:
9342 6525 (9.00 am– 9.00 pm)

The payment options are:

... *Send your Cheque or Money Order by mail to:
Neerlandia, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913.*

... *Give Ans van Alphen your credit or debit card details over the phone.*

... *Come to the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and pay by credit card or cash.*



Carnavals Club 'The Sandgropers'
Bring to you their annual

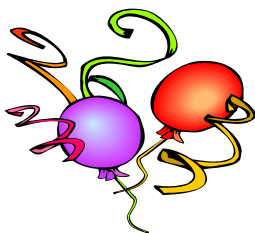


'PRINSEN BAL'



Come & join in the fun.

See our Princess Thea 1st
dethroned after her
12 months of reign.



Music:
Popular Gerry v. Sambeck

The Kitchen will be open:

*All your favourite
Dutch snacks.*

The Bar will be open:

*All your favourite
Dutch drinks.*



Date: Sunday 6th November 2011
Venue: Dutch Club 'Neerlandia'
230 Cambridge Street—WEMBLEY
Time: Doors open at 11am.



Entertainment: begins at 1 pm.

A light lunch of a 'Broodje met Ham' or 'Broodje met Kaas' per person will be provided at the tables at approximately 12 noon.

A farewell drink to Princess Thea will also be provided at the tables.

Bookings: Henny Crijns Tel: 08 94546879

Tickets: \$12 per person (don't forget to ask for your favourite table)
Answering machine available—please leave name & number.



September End of Month Drinks

On the 30th of September the "End of The Month Drinks" were held at Neerlandia.

A lot of effort had been put in by Marieke & Lianna in order to contact as many of the more recently arrived Dutch families as possible for this event. This meant the use of modern communication media such as E-mails, Face book & Twitter and of course personal communication.



And the results spoke for themselves. I had been in the club for most of the day, went home late in the afternoon and only got back at about 5.20 pm and low and behold, the car park was almost full. A count done later on the evening confirmed that about 78 adults and



children had visited us during the evening. Most of the adults congregated in the lounge area with the children being occupied in the main hall, doing colouring-in or playing other games. Several families also used the main Hall as an overflow area to sit down and have a quiet meal with their family. For this our Kitchen, as usual, provided a wide range of Dutch snacks such as "Broodje Kroket, Broodje Rookworst, Broodje Fricandel" as well as "Broodjes Ham & Kaas". Plates of Chips and Mayonnaise were also



available and of course plates of "Bitterballen". These "EOMD" are fun evenings with people mixing, making new friends or catching up with old ones, while enjoying Dutch snacks washed down with a Dutch Beer or something a bit stronger or milder.



And of course Cooffee with or without Home-made Dutch Appeltaart is always available. By the time this magazine reaches you, the October End of the month Drinks have already been held.

However, the last EOMD for 2011 will be held on Friday the 25th of November and we hope to see you all there.

Pieter Leeftang.



Saint Nicholas

Day for the Children



On Sunday the 4th of December

Saint Nicholas and his “Zwarte Pieten” will visit the Neerlandia Clubhouse to ensure everyone will have a good time. For the Children we will have an Icecream, a bag of Lollies and a Drink. Mr. Magic Man will provide the entertainment for the children.

We will also have a colouring-in competition. Forms for this with the conditions of entry on the back will be in this issue of the Neerlandia Magazine.

For the grown-ups there will be Coffee/Tea and “Appeltaart”.

Note: One present per child must be provided by the parent and handed in at the door. (Value not over \$20.00)

The name and age of the child must be clearly written on the present.

Event: Children's St. Nicholas Day

Date: Sunday 4 December

Time: 1.00 pm (doors open at noon)

Cost: \$9.00 p.p. for young and old

Strictly pre-paid bookings only:

Contact: Ans van Alphen on
9342 6525 (9.00 am-9.00 pm)

Credit or Debit Card payments by telephone are accepted

Sunday Klaverjas Drive Report & Computer Lessons

Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

First of all I would like to clarify a point of interest. The Sunday drives are organised by the Dutch Society Neerlandia and not by the Klaverjas Club Neerlandia.

So it was that on Sunday the 2nd of October the Dutch Society Neerlandia once again had organised their monthly Klaverjas Drive in the Clubhouse Lounge.

This time around we had 29 players, which was a very good turnout. This number resulted in 7 tables of four players with one player missing out, who was the actual organiser.

At 11.00 am, after an initial cup of coffee and a "Speculaasje", the games started.

The only interruption was a lunch break for another cup of Coffee with a "Belegd Broodje" and a slice of Apricot Loaf, prepared with the usual dedication by our volunteers Thea de Koning and Irma van der Kwast. Thanks to you both.

After Lunch another two games were played and as the scoresheets came in, they were checked for correctness and the highest scorers were pulled out. This time the winner had a fantastic score of 7441 points, which was 546 points more than the runner up. Great work Corrie!

These winners were:

1st prize: Corrie van Rijt	7441 points
2nd prize: Riet Heymans	6895 points
3rd prize: Aat Kievit	6713 points

The last Klaverjas Drive of the year 2011 will be held not on the 1st Sunday, but on the 2nd Sunday, which will be the 13th of November.

By Pieter Leeftang



The winners: In front the 1st prize winner: Corrie van Rijt; on the right: Riet Heyman with the 2nd prize; on the left: Aat Kievit with the 3rd prize.

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons have started up again and will be conducted by Ad Liebregts and/or Alf Ukich on Friday mornings in the Clubhouse from 10.00 am – noon.

They will be able to assist you with your software problems, but you need to bring your own laptop. Please contact Ad Liebregts on: 9279 7383

This service is free for our Members, but there will be a small charge for Coffee served.



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Members Information

IN LOVING MEMORY

It is with great sadness,
that we learned of the passing away of:

Henderika Meerman

on the 7th of October 2011.

Way back from January 2001, we have been visiting Henderika at St. Francis Hostel each week, chatting about the present and the past, special about Haarlem where Henderika was born on the 15th of November 1914.

For several years she was a regular member of De Jeugd Van Vroeger. (DJVV)
Sadly we have lost a dear friend.
Rest in Peace, dear Henderika.

Your Dutch Aged Care Volunteers,
Toon & Hanny Kamps.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS JOINED THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

**Maria Neervoort
Camiel van Wichen
Rene van Wichen
Bianca Slingerland
Amanda Da Luz
Reinder Ruiter
Linda Dawson
Gerard Spaan
Jackeline Dinnes**

The following Members
will celebrate their birthday
during **the month of
November 2011.**

We wish them all a very
Happy Birthday !!!

Ellen	Bles
Robert	Wegman
Henny	Crijns
Luke	Schoonens
Petra	Holstein
Ann	Berends
Catharina	Liebrechts
Dyo	Agterhuis
Lien	Klinge
Hendrika	de Jager
Wilma	Piller
Annelie	Wieman
John	van der Wielen
Helen	Halstead
Henk	Smit
Frans	van Kampen
Wilma	Kersten
Lianna	Parker
Ann	Rietveld
Peter	Segers
Annelies	Vogels
Piet	de Jong
Erica	Glorie
Carel	Roukens
Frances	Hart

If your birthday is not
mentioned or the details are
not correct, this means that we
have the incorrect data entered
in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your
birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes to the above
you need to contact our

**Membership Administrator,
Marieke van den Berg.**

Her E-mail address:

mariekevandenbergh@westnet.com.au





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Dear Readers,

Have just returned from a wonderful holiday in the Netherlands. It was great to catch up with friends and relatives. It was a very special occasion for me as my mother's youngest sister turned 94 years of age and the family had organised a party for her. A cousin of mine who is a vocal artist (artist name Don Mercedes) entertained all the guests with all



the well-known oldies. Don Mercedes became well known with a number called Rocky, it became number 1 in the Top 40 in The Netherlands as well as in Belgium.

I also enjoyed numerous portions of Dutch herrings, they were the best that I had ever tasted. It was hard to leave my family, but I was glad to come back home again. On the 3rd of March 2012 it will be 70 years that the allies were attacked by the Japanese at Broome. Dutch and Australian military as well as civilians were killed. ANSWA is considering whether a special commemoration should be organised for this event.

Over 177,000 visitors have visited this famous Dutch Painter Vincent van Gogh Exhibition over the last 40 days.

The self-portrait of Vincent van Gogh has been lent to the Capital Museum in Beijing together with the Amsterdam impressionist. This is the first time that the work of Van Gogh has been on display to the public in a Communist Country.

I read a very interesting article in the Webster University newsletter.

I thought our Dutch readers might be interested in reading it.

CABINET CALLS FOR EU COMMISSIONER TO ENSURE EUROZONE RULES ARE KEPT.

"The Dutch cabinet supports a far tougher approach to ensuring euro zone countries do not break the rules on monetary matters and believes

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they should leave the euro if they are not prepared to enforce stronger sanctions”, prime minister Mark Rutte told MP’s in a briefing on Wednesday 17/09/2011.

“This briefing sketches a structural approach, which gets to the heart of the problem, strengthening budgetary discipline and ensuring strict adherence to the rules, under independent monitoring”, Rutte said. “These rules would be accompanied by severe sanctions, which countries will have to agree to, if they want to remain part of the euro-zone”, the PM said in the nine- page document.

Until now, the cabinet has had the view that all 17 countries should remain in the euro-zone and resisted calls, for example that Greece should be expelled.

SUBSIDIES

Countries which fail to get their economies in order, could lose their rights to EU subsidies and their vote in EU matters,” the prime minister suggested.

As a final resort, they could be put under the supervision of a special European commissioner. “Those, which do not agree, can take the opportunity to leave the euro-zone”, the prime minister said.

According to the Volkskrant, the rest of Europe is not ready for this form of euro federalism. Both France and Germany believe European leaders should continue to dictate economic policy. Ministers themselves accept there will be “considerable resistance” to their plan, but consider discussion to be vital “given the importance of long-term stability in the euro zone”.

Quite an interesting and debatable article, I am sure they will work it out

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(De volgende artikelen zijn overgenomen uit het EXPAT Magazine van de Wereldomroep)

Nederlanders vinden elkaar in New York

Gepubliceerd op : 14 oktober 2011 door [Perro de Jong](#).

Als expat of emigrant heb je in New York de Nederlandse clubs en clubjes voor het uitkiezen. Maar waar moet je beginnen? Na twee dagen rondrennen en -kijken in de Big Apple aan het begin van onze rondreis, blijken de verschillen tussen de nieuwe en de oude Nederlandse garde groot.

Brunhilde Vergouwen had al in Zwitserland en Groot-Brittannië gewoond toen ze twee jaar geleden naar New York verhuisde. De behoefte om iets te doen met andere Nederlanders was in het verleden nooit zo groot geweest, maar nu opeens wel. 'Ik ben me veel Nederlandser gaan voelen sinds ik hier ben.'

Opgezette bever

Dat vertelt Brunhilde bij Rolling Orange Bikes, de Nederlandse fietsenwinkel in Brooklyn waar ze manager is. 'Misschien komt het doordat de afstand veel groter is en door het tijdsverschil. In Groot-Brittannië en Zwitserland ben je toch dichterbij.' Maar wat doe je als kersverse emigrant met je behoefte aan contact? Nu hoeft je in New York nooit ver te zoeken naar sporen van het Nederlandse verleden en ook Nederlandse verenigingen horen bij die traditie. Zo is er bijvoorbeeld de Holland Society, waar je alleen lid van kunt worden als je voorouders bij de allereerste Nederlanders in de VS hoorden. Op bijeenkomsten van de Holland Society wordt een opgezette bever door de zaal gedragen, terwijl iedereen opstaat. Heel anders is [NL Borrels van Sander Raaymakers](#). Gewoon samenkomen in de kroeg, met behulp van het internet om het zo flexibel mogelijk te houden. En verder geen poespas.

Stoffige sigarenclub

Ergens daartussenin zit de Netherland Club, in een imposant pand vlakbij Fifth Avenue. Dat pand is van de Republikeinse vrouwenconventie: aan de muur hangen Ronald en Nancy Reagan, maar ook een groot schilderij van Koningin Wilhelmina. De Club zelf bestaat al sinds 1903.

'Het was vroeger wel een beetje een sigarenclub voor mannen', zegt Addy Onstwedder, sinds kort general manager van de Netherland Club. Zelf had ze eerst niet zoveel behoefte aan contact met andere Nederlanders. Maar werknemers van bedrijven die de club sponsoren worden automatisch lid.

Dat gold ook voor haar man en geleidelijk ging Addy overstag. 'Het groeide.' Toen haar gevraagd werd om general manager te worden, zei ze ja. 'Stoffig wil ik het niet noemen, maar het lág er wel. En ik ben enorm aan het afstoffen...'

Populaire haringavond

Het dakterras werd een plek waar jonge Nederlanders een biertje kunnen drinken en naast de traditionele Sinterklaasviering - 'Zwarte Piet kan hier in de VS echt niet, maar we doen het toch' - worden er politieke debatten gehouden in de club. Volgende week over het hete hangijzer van de dubbele nationaliteit.

Eigenlijk zijn alle Nederlandse clubs en clubjes wel druk bezig met verjongen, zegt Brunhilde. Zelf legt ze zich liever niet op één club vast. 'Het hangt van het onderwerp af. Als ik het interessant vind, dan ga ik.' Dat kan naar een debat zijn, maar ook naar een haringavond met een Amsterdamse smartlappenzanger.

Die haringavonden zijn altijd een grote hit, zegt Addy Onstwedder en vormen het bewijs dat er ondanks de versnippering die op de loer ligt door het internet en sociale media, nog altijd momenten zijn dat alle Nederlanders - oud en nieuw, expat en emigrant - elkaar weten te vinden.

Sterkere behoefte

Dat laatste bevestigt ook Jan Joosten, partner bij een advocatenkantoor op de plek waar ooit het oude Fort Amsterdam stond en secretaris van de Netherland America Foundation: geen gezelligheidsvereniging, maar een liefdadige instelling die zich bezighoudt met het bevorderen van goede bilaterale contacten.

Ook de NAF bestaat al heel lang, maar achterhaald is de organisatie volgens Joosten absoluut niet. Het soort emigratie verandert, zegt hij: steeds vaker weten mensen niet van te voren of ze kort of lang zullen blijven. En de behoefte verandert ook. Maar die behoefte wordt misschien juist wel sterker.

'Als je als Nederlands bedrijf hier naartoe komt, dan loop je tegen bepaalde dingen aan en dat zijn heel vaak dezelfde dingen waar een ander Nederlands bedrijf tegenaanloopt. Dan is het handig als die ondernemers met elkaar in contact komen. De behoefte aan uitwisseling is heel groot.'

Eerste export

En hoe zat het nou met die opgezette bever? Addy Onstwedder moet lachen. Zelf is ze 'Friend' van de Holland Society, lid worden kon immers niet. 'De bever is het eerste exportproduct geweest van de Nederlanders. Dat heeft Amerika gevormd en Nederland rijk gemaakt. Daar zijn ze supertrots op.'

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JE BAND MET NEDERLAND

Of je nu 60 jaar geleden, 30 jaar of onlangs vertrokken bent naar het buitenland, of Nederlandse ouders hebt: ergens diep van binnen blijf je toch Nederlander.

Maar wat is dat Nederlandergevoel? En welke rol speelt dat in het dagelijkse leven? Nog één keer wil de Wereldomroep laten zien hoe het ervoor staat met emigranten en expats van drie verschillende generaties in de traditionele emigratielanden. Een verhaal dat nog altijd in ontwikkeling is, maar nooit compleet in beeld is gebracht.

We doen dat als afscheid van de Nederlandse afdeling: door de zware bezuinigingen op de Wereldomroep stoppen de activiteiten van de Nederlandse afdeling (radio én web).

Doe mee!

Wij roepen iedereen in het buitenland op om mee te doen. Uiteindelijk zijn jullie het emigratieverhaal. Welke plekken en personen mogen we volgens jullie niet missen? En wie wil zijn eigen bijzondere migratieverhaal delen met anderen? Hoe Nederlands voel je je nog? Naar welke ervaringen en informatie ben je het meest op zoek? Wat moeten we in ieder geval voor je uitzoeken? Laat het ons weten!

Traveling Europe.

The long, sleek Euro Train slowed down and at last came to a stop in the huge station. It was 4.30 pm when I alighted onto the platform and pulling my suitcase, made my way to the exit. The underground tunnel looked dark and gloomy; I hastened to get out of there and was hoping to find an information desk where I could get some information on cheap accommodation, as I had not booked any hostel as yet.

Suddenly from the moving crowd an ordinary looking middle-aged woman appeared and approached me. She asked if I needed accommodation and said that she could help me with this.

I was somewhat apprehensive, but listened to what she had to say. She pulled me aside a bit and quickly made a call on her Mobile. Within a minute she told me in broken English that she could secure a private room for me in a hostel and named me the price, which sounded very reasonable. She also showed me a little calling card with the name of the hostel. I asked her in turn what she would get out of this as I was expecting that she wanted money out of me. However she assured me that I did not owe her anything.

I decided to give it a go, but I kept my eyes wide open. Soon we were on our way, Nina, who had introduced herself by now, pulling my suitcase.

Once on street level, my guide led me into another tunnel and we boarded a local train. After about a 10 or 15 minutes ride, we got off and were soon outside again. Nina rounded a couple of street corners and then we arrived at a big, old building where I noticed a sign high up on the wall with the name of the hostel. So far so good I thought.

Nina took me through two double doors into a darkish big hall way with a cement floor. At the end of it was another door leading us into a lift and to the second floor. There was another small hall with several doors and one of them was the entrance into a small, but brightly lit office. In one corner, near the window stood a magnificent pot-plant and behind the desk sat a friendly looking open-faced and pretty young girl who introduced herself as Petra. She conversed rapidly with Nina in their own language, before the squat little woman disappeared wishing me a nice stay. I had understood by then, that this person probably did this all the time and maybe for different hostels, who would pay her for the effort. Petra took my particulars and asked me how long I was planning to stay. I told her, about 4 nights. She took me one floor up to show me the room. It looked bright and clean and had three beds, all with floral bedspreads. Petra assured me that I would have the room for myself for as long as I wanted. The bathroom was shared between two rooms, but the one next to it was empty at present. We went back to the office and I paid my hostess two days in advance and she handed me the keys for the room as well as for the downstairs outside doors. Then I went back upstairs to unpack and have a rest. I went out early in the evening to explore a bit around the

neighbourhood and also for something to eat.

I marveled at the architecture of a lot of the ancient buildings. There was still quite a bit of traffic on the roads and in some shopping malls many people were strolling about and sitting on terraces in front of cafes and restaurants; a lot of them visibly tourists.

In a small café I had a coffee and then ordered a small attractive looking salad which was served with a couple of slices of bread with a crusty crust. It was pretty good and I felt satisfied. I wandered about a bit more, soaking up the atmosphere and admiring things like street lanterns made in an ornamental fashion and adorned with curls. The street signs were also looking old-fashioned, but for me, impossible to pronounce!



Alas, when I was ready to return to my accommodation, I soon realised that I had lost my way. I walked back and

forth, but could not find the street where the hostel was. I blamed myself for not having noticed some prominent points to remember for my way back. I could however remember the name of the hostel: "Manhattan". I asked a few people on the streets, but they had never heard of the place. By now, I started to panic!

Before I was going to try to engage the police in my search, I tried once more to find the street myself and then, suddenly I thought I saw something familiar about some buildings. While I stood still for a few moments to have a good look around me, a young couple came towards me and asked if I was lost. When I explained, they were able to put me in the right direction and even walked with me for a little distance to make sure that I was OK. I had come pretty close, but had reached the area from a different direction. Was I relieved!

I thanked the friendly couple from the bottom of my heart and walked happily the last 20 meters to my "home" for a few days.

This was a shaky start of my short stay in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Prague!



An excerpt from "Traveling Europe" sent in by Joanna Viersma.



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In oktober kregen wij een telefoontje van Nelly Brandsma met de mededeling dat ze zich met spijt terugtrekt van onze radiocrew. Nelly kwam in 1999 bij ons team en we hebben altijd met veel plezier met haar gewerkt. Ook al was Nelly de laatste jaren alleen radiopresentator als we niemand anders hadden, overigens op haar eigen verzoek, we zullen haar zeker missen. Een gezellige collega, altijd opgewekt en voor haar leeftijd, sorry Nelly, een sportief en fit persoon om jaloers op te zijn. We wensen Nelly nog heel veel jaren in goede gezondheid toe met onze dank voor de tijd en moeite besteed aan Dutch Community Radio.



Op 8 september werd er in The State Library een boek gepubliceerd door Piet van den Dungen, waarvoor wij een uitnodiging hadden ontvangen. Het is een autobiografie van Piet van den Dungen, die het onder de pseudoniem van Willem van Ravenstein heeft geschreven. Het gaat over de jeugd in Tilburg en de emigratie naar Perth in 1950, een zeer goede weergave van het leven toen. Vera Horsten heeft via ons radio programma een interview gehad met Piet van den Dungen. Het boek is zeer de moeite van het lezen waard en wij bevelen het dan ook van ganser harte aan. Het boek is verkrijgbaar via de shop van de State Library.

Op onze oproep voor donaties hebben gelukkig veel mensen gereageerd, misschien ook wel dank zei het aanbod van onze oudste sponsor, Jan Otis, de Hollandse Slager. Jan had 2 ontbijten voor 2 personen ter beschikking gesteld voor iedereen die voor het einde van de maand september een donatie gaf aan DCR. Op 9 oktober, tijdens onze uitzending hebben we de 2 prijzen getrokken en de gelukkigen waren Freda Hovingh en Johanna de Boer. Beiden

mochten iemand meenemen.

Op 20 oktober zijn Freda en haar echtgenoot Ben bij Jan Otis geweest en zij kregen een heerlijk ontbijt, naar eigen keuze voorgeschoteld.



Als deze publicatie al bij de printer is, bezoekt een delegatie van DCR de jaarvergadering van de Multicultural Radio and Television Association (MRTA), de organisatie die de studio's van 6EBA 95.3FM beheert. DCR is lid van deze organisatie en tijdens de vergadering zullen wij onze stem laten horen over de digitale radio en de uitzendingen via streaming op het internet, waar nogal wat problemen zijn geweest en nog steeds niet 100% zijn opgelost.

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Arnhem is a city and municipality, situated in the eastern part of the Netherlands. It is the capital of the province of Gelderland and located near the river Nederrijn as well as near the St. Jansbeek (brook), which was the source of the city's development. Arnhem population count is 148,628 (per 6 September 2011) and is one of the larger cities of the Netherlands. The municipality is part of the city region Arnhem-Nijmegen, a metropolitan area with 728,500 inhabitants.

HISTORY



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Arnhem was first mentioned as such in 893 as Arneym or Arentheym, referring to the many eagles that inhabited the hills and forests of Arnhem back then. Traces of human residence date back much further, however.

The oldest archaeological findings of human activity around Arnhem are two firestones of about 70,000 years ago. This comes from the stone age, when the Neanderthals lived in this part of Europe. In Schuytgraaf, tracks of a hunter's camp have been discovered from around 5000 BC. In Schaarsbergen, 12 grave mounds were found from 2400 BC, which brought the so-called Neolithic revolution to the area of Arnhem, i.e. the rise of the farmers.

The earliest settlement in Arnhem dates from 1500 BC, where traces have been found on the Hoogkamp, where the Van Goyenstraat is currently located. In the inner city, around the St. Jansbeek, traces of settlement have been found from around 700 BC, while the first traces south of the Rhine have been found dating around 500 BC, in the Schuytgraaf.

Though the early tracks of settlements did show that the early residents of Arnhem descended from the forests on the hills, Arnhem was not built on the banks of the river Rhine, but a little higher along the St. Jansbeek (St. Jans stream). Arnhem arose on the location where the road between Nijmegen and Utrecht/Zutphen split. Seven streams provided the city with water and only when the flow of the Rhine was changed in 1530, was the city located on the river Rhine.



St Jansbeek (brook)

The city of Arnhem had its real origins in 1233 when Otto II, count of Guelders from Zutphen, conferred city rights on the town, settled in and fortified it. Previously it had belonged to the abbey of Prüm, Arnhem entered the Hanseatic League in 1443. In 1473, it was captured by Charles the Bold of Burgundy. In 1514, Charles of Egmond, duke of Guelders, took it from the dukes of Burgundy; in 1543, it fell to the emperor Charles V.



The Sabelspoort

As capital of the so-called "Kwartier van Veluwe" it joined the Union of Utrecht in 1579 and became part of the Republic of the Seven United Provinces of the Netherlands in 1585. The French occupied the town 1672–74; from 1795 to 1813, it was reoccupied by the French, by both revolutionary and imperial forces. In the early 19th century, the former fortifications were almost completely dismantled, to give space for town expansion. The *Sabelspoort* (Sabresgate) is the only remaining part of the medieval walls.

In the 19th century, Arnhem was a genteel resort town famous for its picturesque beauty. It was known as "het Haagje van het oosten" (The Little Hague of the East), mainly because a number of rich former sugar barons or planters from the Indies settled there, as they did in The Hague. Even now the city is famous for its parks and greenery. The urbanization in the north on hilly terrain is also quite unusual for the Netherlands.

Direct to the East of Arnhem, the village of Velp is growing steadily as a kind of suburb of the Gelderland capital. The village is completely independent, with its own cosy shopping street and some new industrial area's along the river IJssel. However, the quite unidentifiable village is completely overshadowed by Arnhem itself.



One of the "Mansions" in suburb Velp

The large City of Arnhem

WWII: OPERATION MARKET GARDEN



Market Garden was the code name for the operation in September 1944 which aimed to bring the Allies in a rapid thrust from the Belgian border to across the Rhine at Arnhem. Airborne troops were to capture the bridges over the Waal and the Rhine in surprise attacks, after which, ground troops of the British Second Army were to drive a decisive wedge in the German defences. Optimists expected that this operation would bring the war in Europe to a close in 1944. The start of the operation, on the afternoon of Sunday, 17th September, was still promising.

In Arnhem, only the 2nd Parachute Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel John Frost, managed to reach the Rhine Bridge. Because it proved impossible to take the bridge, the British occupied the houses and buildings around the northern bridge ramp and awaited reinforcements, but these did not arrive.

The Germans, who unexpectedly proved to have tanks and motorised artillery at their disposal, had quickly recovered from their surprise. They built a blocking line across the western approach roads to Arnhem. On Tuesday, 19th September, four battalions, two via Onderlangs (street name), made a final attempt to break through to the bridge, but were beaten off. Frost's troops could now only hope to be relieved by the Second Army, but they were already forty-eight hours behind schedule.

The "Van Limburg Stirum" School was the last support on the east side of the bridge ramp. They succeeded in repulsing one German attack after the other, until the building was set on fire by shelling on the Wednesday and they were forced to leave. The majority of them had been wounded, so they were taken prisoner. Not long afterwards the fighting on the west side was also stopped. On Thursday morning, the area around the bridge ramp was again in German hands. Frost's battalion had held out for four instead of two days. The Rhine Bridge was officially renamed the John Frost Bridge in September 1978. John Frost, who was made an honorary citizen of Arnhem, died in 1993.

ARNHEM TODAY

The city situated between nature reserve the Hoge Veluwe and the river Rhine, is a city of art and culture, fashion and design, energy and environment, shopping and more! Arnhem has a lot to offer as a place to visit, to live in, or to do business. Arnhem and Nijmegen are part of a city region of more than 720.000 inhabitants: attractive, easily accessible and internationally competitive.

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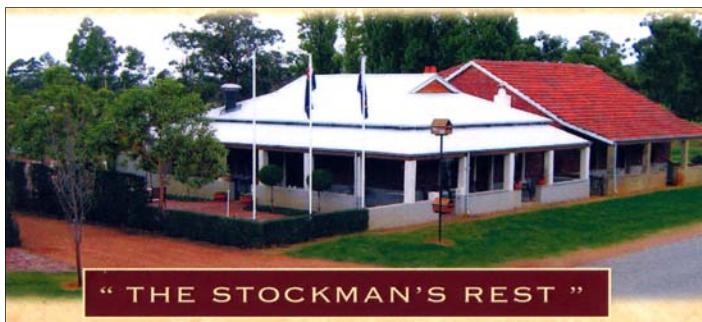
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Last week it was my birthday and I didn't feel very well waking up that morning.

I went downstairs for breakfast hoping my wife would be pleasant and say: "Happy Birthday!" and possibly have a small present for me.

As it turned out, she barely said good morning, let alone: "Happy Birthday."

I thought.... Well, that's marriage for you, but the kids.... They will remember.

My kids came bounding down stairs to breakfast and didn't say a word.

So when I left for the office, I felt pretty low and somewhat despondent.

As I walked into my office, my secretary Jane said: 'Good Morning Boss and by the way: "Happy Birthday!"

It felt a little better that at least someone had remembered.

I worked until one o'clock, when Jane knocked on my door and said: 'You know, it's such a beautiful day outside and it is your Birthday after all, what do you say we go out to lunch, just you and me.'

I said: 'Thanks, Jane, that's the greatest thing I've heard

all day. Let's go !'

We went to lunch. But we didn't go where we normally would go. She chose instead at a quiet bistro with a private table. We had two martinis each and I enjoyed the meal tremendously.

On the way back to the office, Jane said: 'You know, it's such a beautiful day... We don't need to go straight back to the office, do we ?'

I responded: 'I guess not. What do you have in mind ?' She said: 'Let's drop by my apartment, it's just around the corner.'

After arriving at her apartment, Jane turned to me and said: 'Boss, if you don't mind, I'm going to step into the bedroom for just a moment. I'll be right back.'

'OK,' I nervously replied.

She went into the bedroom and after a couple of minutes, she came out carrying a huge birthday cake ... followed by my wife, my kids and dozens of my friends and co-workers, all singing: 'Happy Birthday' to you.

And I just sat there....

On the couch....

Naked.

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From Republic to a Kingdom. (Part 5).



On his swearing in as King Willem I of the Netherlands, it was made clear that his executive powers would be set out in the new Constitution of the country. The oldest son of King Willem I shortly arrived from Spain and was charged with strengthening the relative weak army the Dutch were left with. This was urgent, as the whole of Zeeland and the country south of the river Lek and the Rhine were still in French hands. With help of the Prussian

army and the Cossacks, the French were quick to withdraw and the south inclusive Breda was under Dutch control again.

Going back a little with my story about Napoleon's demise, the allied armies were besieging Paris on the 24th of March 1814, which surrendered seven days later. Napoleon was allowed to keep his title of Emperor and promised him an income of two and a half million francs yearly. He was moved to Elba and placed permanently under English guard. Peace of Paris was concluded the 30th May 1814 and the Netherlands declared to be totally independent. During Napoleon's campaigns the borders of many European countries had been changed, and it was to the intended Congress of Vienna, to rectify all this again. This congress started off with a lot of celebrations and only very few meaningful meetings, giving it the popular nickname of 'The Dancing Congress'. However on the 15th February of 1815 important decisions were made, amongst those that The Kingdom of the Netherlands would consist of the old Republic with the addition of all the previous southern Netherlands (the original Burgundian State) together with the 'Bisdom Luik'. King Willem I was to be the Sovereign of this State, as well as being the Grand Duke of Luxembourg; and England would return all Dutch colonies, occupied previously.

However Napoleon escaped from Elba and was now marching with 1500 loyal troops towards Paris. That happened on the 1st of March 1815. King Louis XVIII, the new King of France, after Napoleon's defeat in 1813, sent out an army to stop him, but his troops joined the returning Emperor instead, so that Napoleon once more took charge of government on the 20th of March of that year.

The combined allies, fearing the worst, were fielding their armies once more and advanced towards France. Napoleon, realizing that quick action was needed, now headed a loyal army of one hundred thousand men towards the southern Dutch Provinces. The Prussians were under command of the grey Marshal Bluecher, the English under the Duke of Wellington and the Dutch army under King William's son, the future King Willem II.

At Quatre Bras the armies met and there the Dutch were attacked by Marshall Ney's armies on the 13th of June while Napoleon beat the Prussians near Ligny. The English and Dutch armies combined again on the fields near Waterloo and here on the 18th of June the now well known battle took place, a battle that would decide the future of

Europe. Napoleon was close to a victory, when at the last moment Marshall Bluecher and his Prussians arrived on the battlefield to beat the courageous fighting French conclusively. Prince Willem of Orange was heavily wounded during battle and quickly carried away to safety.

Napoleon was taken prisoner and deported to St Helena, where he died on the 5th of May 1821. For the Dutch, two years in history are important, the year 1543 when Gelderland was annexed which completed the Seventeen Provinces under King Charles V and the year 1815, when the country again was united within its original borders. It has to be said, that during all those years under the rule of the various Stadtholders, the Republic never managed to become really One Nation, but Napoleon had managed to achieve this. As of old, the Protestant northern Netherlands went their own way and became wealthy and powerful through trade overseas as well as becoming the sea going transporters for other countries.

The Catholic southern provinces never recovered the wealth and influence they had while under the rule of the Burgundian Dukes.

The new Constitution, put together for the new Kingdom, was put to the vote; the Northern Provinces accepted, but the Southern ones rejected it out of hand. After negotiations it was agreed on that the King should not be of Protestant religion, but could be a Catholic as well, The Seat of Government would be in The Hague in one year and the following in Brussels.

A big point of friction with the South was that the Constitution decreed that all religions would have the same legal rights.

Of the utmost importance now was that the overseas trade to the colonies would be restored again. However the South objected to spending so much money to achieve this as they never had felt the need to expand overseas. To achieve safe shipping in the Mediterranean and to the Far- East, the Dey of Algiers had to be punished for encouraging his pirates to capture the Dutch trading vessels. The English and Dutch fleets set out in 1816 and bombarded Algiers and forced the Bey to surrender.

In the same year Dutch achieved international recognition as King Willem's son married the Russian Grand Duke Anna Paulowna, a sister of Tsar Alexander. Out of this wedlock was born the future King Willem III.

To facilitate easier and faster access to Amsterdam, King



Willem managed to get the 'Noordzee-Kanaal' dug, a job which took six years to achieve. The harbour of the 'Nieuwe Diep' was extensively improved and Rotterdam got the "Voornse Kanaal" upgrading its accessibility.

Other canals were being dug to facilitate internal traffic and so improve the chances of the Netherlands to become again the skippers and traders of the world with the prestige that goes with it. An extra impetus to trade was the establishment of the 'Nederlandse Handels-Maatschappij' with a starting capital of thirty seven million guilders with the object of actively supporting and financing trade, shipping, ship

From Republic to a Kingdom (Part 5)

building, fishing, agriculture and financing a diversity of manufacturing businesses. The King became a shareholder to the tune of four million guilders and personally guaranteed an interest rate of 4 1/2%.

In the end it cost him around 3 1/2 million guilders of his personal fortune to pay this out to the remaining shareholders.

The situation in the colonies was not as secure as in caparison with the days under the VOC. A war erupted on Sumatra in 1819, followed by rebellions on Borneo and Celebes. Worse was war on Java from 1826-1830, starting in the Sultanates of Djokjakarta and Soerakarta. The properties of both were spread over a great area in Java and in places confusingly mixed-up and difficult to determine ownership. Both Sultans had extensive families who were rewarded with land in lieu of a yearly stipend and as all of them wanted to live up to their Royal status, the money had to be extracted from those who farmed their lands. So to satisfy their lifestyle, the owners increased the land rentals. It so happened that in 1823 rules were laid down regarding land rentals, which on the whole did not benefit both landlords and tenants, especially so when these rules were enforced going back several years. Now it happened that the Sultan of Djokjakarta was underage and his guardians were quite upset when a big claim of compensation was lodged against him for overpaid rentals.

Leading the dissatisfied owners was Dipo Negoro, a 'hadji' and high in the esteem of the Javanese and thought to be



holy. In the meantime the Governor General Baron van der Capellen was called back to the Netherlands to answer for the high cost of his government. So it was General Merkus de Kock who took over the general command of government and army. Through his actions, the Sultan of Soerakarta remained on the side of the Dutch. Heavy fighting broke out in very difficult terrain, especially

chosen by the wily Dipo Negoro to cause the most losses to his adversary. In the end, Dipo Negoro's fighters lost the battle and negotiated for peace. Dipo was banned from Java. This victory took the lives of fifteen thousand soldiers. Generaal de Kock was awarded the 'Grootkruis der Militaire Willemsorde' and also received a knight-hood from King Willem I.

Also on the home front all did not work out as desired. To please the Flemish people, their language was accepted by order in 1825 to be used in schools, courts of law and in government. This caused a bitter reaction in the French speaking south. Also an agreement with the Pope to improve the religious divisions did not achieve the desired results and in general people started to talk about separation of the north and southern Netherlands. France as well as the French speaking southern provinces of the Kingdom were taking advantage of the situation and exploited the current grievances to stir up trouble. In France King Charles X of Bourbon was forced to abdicate on the 27th of July 1830 and succeeded by the 'Citizen King' Prince Louis Filips of

Orleans. Meanwhile a rebellion was being prepared by a number of reactionaries in the southern Provinces. That started in Brussels, a day after King Willem's birthday, on the 25th August, where the opera 'La Muerte de Portici' was being played. The lyrics are such that in times of unrest, the people while rejoicing, are learning how to rebel against authority. And already the same night, some government offices were broken into and plundered. At the same time the residence of hated Minister van Maanen, the Attorney General, was torched. Some leaders declared the independence of the State of Belgium on the 4th of October 1830. To control the situation, King Willem sent his son who arrived in Brussels and immediately tried by negotiation to come to an agreement. As he was not successful, he was called back to report on the current state of affairs, but the Provinces of Antwerp and Limburg were placed under military command of the Generals Chassé and Dibbets. Chassé moved his forces into the Citadel while the city of Antwerp was prepared into a state of defense. It was not long that Chassé's forces were harassed by the rebellious opposition, while General Chassé at the same time on the 27th of October ordered his troops to bombard the rebels in the city with canon fire. The whole country, north and south was in a state of upheaval and watchfully monitored by the international community.

And it was on the 24th November 1830 that the southern provinces declared that King Willem I of Orange, as well as his successors, were no longer welcome. A kind of armistice was arranged and put in place by the surrounding countries and the blockade of Antwerp lifted on the 20th of January 1831. However a Dutch gunship, under command of 2nd lieutenant van Speyck was blown against the harbour's wharf where a group protesters boarded the ship, captured the flag and demanded his papers. He said he would get them, but going downstairs, he threw his burning cigar in the gunpowder store and blew up his ship. It was on the 4th of July 1831 that the south chose and crowned Leopold of Saksen-Coburg as King of the country, called Belgium. King Willem did not agree and send an army of thirtysix thousand well trained men to change this and came to face a quickly assembled army of fifty eight thousand men, mostly raw recruits. The campaign lasted ten days in that time the Dutch troops won the battles near Hasselt and Leuven, but with the help of his father in law, the Citizen King of France, King Lodewijk Philips, the French army was going to confront the Dutch and they withdrew. Till the very last, King Willem I refused to acknowledge Leopold as King of Belgium and kept the country in a state of war with the new nation Belgium. That was costing the country many millions of guilders and increased the amount of taxes his people had to pay. Finally the stubborn King was willing to sign the twenty four Articles, which an International Conference had presented him on the 21st May 1833, which made it finally possible to sign a peace treaty with Belgium the 19th of April 1839.

After the King became a widower in 1837 and intended to marry an aide of his former wife, who was Belgian by birth, he lost the last remnants of his erstwhile popularity and he decided to abdicate on the 7th of October 1840 and hand over to his son, the hero of Quatre-Bras and Waterloo.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

23	8	6	22	13	10		15	5	12	13	7	7	17	4
22		4		9				12		6		15		22
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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

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The last Codebreaker was not too difficult and once you found the words "Senseless and Salami", it was plain sailing.

Following is the full solution:

A=1; B=6; C=22; D=24; E=10; F=2; G=11; H=15; I=14; J=9; K=4; L=12; M=21; N=20; O=19; P=3; Q=17; R=7; S=23; T=13; U=16; V=8; W=18; X=6; Y=25; Z=26.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B							O					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

3	7		2		9	6	5	8
	1	9		6				
5					8	3		
		2		8				4
4			1		3			6
7				4		1		
		1	5					2
				9		8	3	
6	5	3	8		7		4	1



Sudoku - Moderate

3				8			4	
2		7		1			8	5
		6		5		7		3
4		2	1			8		
		8			9	1		2
6		1		9		5		
5	8			6		3		9
	2			7				1

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